

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Project Title:**

# Anchorage - Central Middle School Technology, Books, and Supplies Grant

**State Funding Requested: \$ 10,000****House District: 23 - L**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Funds would be used for educational materials and supplies at Central Middle School.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$10,000**Funding Secured*Amount FY*Other Pending Requests*Amount FY*Anticipated Future Need*Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

This grant provides Central Middle School of Science with funding to maintain or enhance classroom resources. This grant would help keep students on pace with current technology and greatly aid in student progress and achievement. This grant would also help purchase new classroom furniture, replacing desks and chairs that are decades old, and unsuitable for learning.

**Project Timeline:**

Funds would be used in the 2008-2009 school year.

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Anchorage School District

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

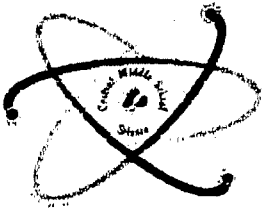
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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☐ Yes ☒ No



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The Honorable Johnny Ellis  
Senate Majority Leader  
Alaska State Senate  
State Capitol, Rm. 9  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Ellis:

Thank you for inquiring about our \$10,000 request for replacing classroom furniture at Central Middle School of Science. Central is one of the oldest middle schools in the state and if you were one of the first students in the school you may remember some of the furniture that is still here as well as the lockers and other equipment.

We are in desperate need of replacement furniture because the teachers are using desks and tables that are in such terrible condition that they often have swear words carved so deeply in the wood that we cannot get them out with sanding or painting. Some of the student tables don't have places for the kids to put their legs under so they have to sit sideways and often at an angle that makes it difficult to see the board.

When there is such a disparity of equipment from one school to another, student and staff who transfer over to our school often think that they have entered a sub-standard setting. Many parents at the start of the year remembered coming to Central when they were students and pointed out the same furniture dating back thirty years! I can guesstimate the age as well because of some of the comments about staff on the desks have long since retired! Although nostalgic, we would rather not have students sitting in a desk where they have to look at the "F" word and other inappropriate comments.

In some classrooms, teachers have taken matters into their own hands and have drilled plywood onto old filing cabinets to create make-shift tables for students to work on because the plywood was better than the choice of profane tables. The students in those classrooms are sitting on old high science stools because the filing cabinets make the tables so high. This is a great solution to the problem but sitting on tall chairs without backs is also uncomfortable to children when block classes can last for two hours.

We appreciate any help the Legislature can provide with replacing our old and worn tables and desks. Please call me directly at 907-742-5115 with any questions. Thank you.

Lisa Zelenkov,  
Principal of Central Middle School of Science

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